1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 AT SEATTLE 7 BRANDON J. IVEY, 8 Case No. C22-5430 RSM Plaintiff, 9 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE OR v. FILE ANSWER 10 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, 11 Defendant. 12 Plaintiff's Complaint seeking review of the Commissioner's decision denying social 13 security benefits was filed on June 15, 2022. Dkt. No. 3. The Clerk issued summonses that 14 same day. Dkt. No. 4. Plaintiff filed proof of service on November 18, 2022. Dkt. No. 6. 15 Plaintiff's affidavit of service does not state when he served the Commissioner, so the Court 16 assumes he did so on the date he filed the proof of service.¹ 17 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(2), the Commissioner was required to 18 serve an answer to Plaintiff's complaint within 60 days after service, thus the Commissioner's 19 answer was due by January 17, 2023. See also Fed. R. Civ. P. SUPP SS 4. To date, the 20 Commissioner has not filed an answer or any response to the complaint. 21 /// 22 /// 23

¹ Plaintiff included the date "6/15/2022" in the docket text accompanying his affidavit of service, but that date is not explained or included in the affidavit.

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The Commissioner is hereby ordered to show cause why an answer was not timely filed, or file an answer, on or before February 7, 2023. DATED this 31st day of January, 2023. Ricardo S. Martinez United States District Judge

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